



**MOST POWERFUL
WOMEN IN BUSINESS**



**COLORADO WOMEN'S
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

The **Colorado Women's Chamber of Commerce's 14th Annual Top 25 Most Powerful Women in Business Gala** seeks to recognize influential women who have made significant accomplishments in business and throughout the community. Top 25 Women lift other women up, empower, and inspire other women in business and future women leaders.

*The Gala will take place on Friday, October 2, 2026 4:00pm – 8:00pm.
Attendance is required for winners.*

THE CRITERIA

Top 25 Most Powerful Women in Business nominees must meet the following criteria and be available to attend the Gala:

Passionate about the success of women in business

Top 25 Women have inspired other women in the community, who may even attribute their success to this individual. Nominees ensure that women have equitable access to tools they need to impact their business or area of expertise, advance in their career, and have the confidence to take on career challenges.

Civic engagement in the community

Top 25 women have a track record of serving and advancing women in business. Their work is focused on helping disadvantaged women become self-sufficient and/or successful in the workforce.

Track record of success

Top 25 Women are always focused on the next step. Research shows that women don't often reach for top roles or promotions. Top 25 Women have a track record of taking on difficult projects, innovating change, or pioneering new opportunities.

Exhibit perseverance

Change doesn't come easily, and this is especially true with the success of women in business. Some of our best leaders did not take "no" for an answer and did whatever it took to be a changemaker in their company, their business, or in the community.

A business visionary

Top 25 Women have broad vision and a strategic mind.



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QUALIFICATIONS

- Top 25 Most Powerful Women in Business nominees may represent any business sector, industry, and business size.
- Past nominees MAY be nominated again.
- Must be a Colorado woman living and working in the state for a minimum of three years.
- There is no minimum or maximum age qualification that must be met.
- Attendance at the Gala on October 2, 2026 is required.

COMPLETING THE FORM & REQUIRED DOCUMENT INSTRUCTIONS

- You are encouraged to work closely with your nominee to complete their nomination.
- Confirm that the nominee can attend the Gala.
- Nominations must be submitted using this nomination form and format.
- You may include **up to three (3) additional pages of supporting documents** (letters of recommendation, articles, testimonials etc.). Links must be sent in a document and attached to the email – not in the body of the email.
- Include the nominee's **headshot and bio** (these will not count towards the three supporting documents).
- Include the nominee's first and last name in the subject line.
- Save the nomination file as [Last Name, First Name_2026 Top 25]
- **To be considered, all applications must be on time; no later than 5pm on May 23, 2025.**

To ensure proper delivery, please send all nominations and documents in **one email** to: nominations@cwcc.org. Do not send to CWCC staff.

THE PROCESS

A diverse group of community leaders and previous Top 25 winners will review all nominations and select the Top 25 Most Powerful Women in Business Honorees. All nominees will be contacted by CWCC staff and may be asked to submit a personal statement upon receipt of their nominations. All nominees and nominations will be contacted following the selection committee meeting. Winners will be announced 7-10 days after.

The 2026 Top 25 Most Powerful Women Honorees will be recognized:

Date: Friday, October 2, 2026

Time: 4:00pm – 8:00pm

Location: Hyatt Regency Convention Center in downtown Denver.

QUESTIONS?

Contact: Meaghan Carabello at mcarabello@cwcc.org



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NOMINATION FORM

DATE:

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: MAY 31 BY 5 PM

CWCC Top 25 NOMINEE

Name:

Company/Organization:

Title/Position:

Business Address:

City:

State/Province:

Zip/Postal Code:

Cell Phone:

Business Email:

Personal Email:

NOMINATOR

Name:

Company/Organization:

Title/Position:

Business Address:

City:

State:

Zip/Postal Code:

Cell Phone:

Business Email:

All questions are required; responses are limited to 3000 characters, or approximately 500 words.

NOMINATION FORM

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PASSIONATE ABOUT SUCCESS, PROMOTION, AND PROMOTING EQUITY FOR WOMEN IN BUSINESS.

Nominees have inspired other women in the community who may even attribute their success to this individual. Nominees ensure that women have equitable access to the tools they need to grow their business or career, and have the confidence to take on challenges. *Give examples of this below.*

All questions are required; responses are limited to 3000 characters, or approximately 500 words.

NOMINATION FORM

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CIVIC ENGAGEMENT IN THE COMMUNITY

Nominees must have a track record of serving and advancing women in business. Their work must be focused on helping disadvantaged women become self-sufficient and/or successful in the workforce. *Give examples and stories of board service, volunteer work or other contributions to the community.*

All questions are required; responses are limited to 3000 characters, or approximately 500 words.

NOMINATION FORM

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TRACK RECORD OF SUCCESS

Nominees must always be focused on the next step. Research shows that women don't often reach for top roles or promotions. Only 17% of CEO roles are held by women. Nominees must have a track record of taking on difficult projects, innovating change, or pioneering new opportunities. *Give examples.*

All questions are required; responses are limited to 3000 characters, or approximately 500 words.

NOMINATION FORM

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EXHIBIT PERSEVERANCE

Change doesn't come easily, and this is especially true when it comes to the success of women in business. Some of our best female leaders did not take "no" for an answer and did whatever it took to be a trailblazer in their company, their business, or in the community. *Give examples.*

All questions are required; responses are limited to 3000 characters, or approximately 500 words.

NOMINATION FORM

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A BUSINESS VISIONARY.

Show how the nominee has a broad vision and strategy through examples and stories.



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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:

Please include any additional information you feel is important for the consideration of your nominee. Include letters of recommendation, awards & honors, publications, articles, and/or testimonials that demonstrate service to their profession, community, and, most importantly, aspiring and established women leaders. ***Additional documentation should not exceed three (3) additional pages of supporting documents.***

THANK YOU!

Thank you for submitting a nomination for CWCC Top 25 Powerful Women. We appreciate you taking the time to compose this thoughtful nomination. The honorees will be recognized at the 2026 Top 25 Most Powerful Women in Business Gala on Friday, October 2, 2026 in Denver, CO.

Please save this date on your calendar!

We invite you to attend as we celebrate these outstanding leaders. If you or your company is interested in becoming a sponsor, please contact **Meaghan Carabello** at mcarabello@cwcc.org.